GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO FLOOD AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated/released Rs.316 crore to Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal before the onslaught of floods to minimise its impact; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by the State Governments to prevent recurrence of floods?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Government of India had constituted a Task Force to look into the problem of recurring floods in Assam and neighbouring States including Bihar, West Bengal and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. The Task Force inter-alia recommended schemes at estimated cost of Rs 316.14 crore for North Eastern States, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh for immediate measures, which included Rs. 130.97 crore for Bihar and 21.66 crore for Uttar Pradesh. No schemes were recommended for West Bengal for immediate measures. Based on the request received from state Governments schemes worth Rs. 15.52 crore have been included in the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme and an amount of Rs. 5.51 crore has been released to Government of Bihar as first installment. In addition to above, the Government of India also released Rs. 19.42 Crore for Bihar, Rs. 12.58 Crore for U. P. , Rs. 15.00 Crore for West Bengal in the year 2004-05 for taking up critical anti-erosion works. Under the long term measures, an India-Nepal Joint Project Office (JPO) has been set up at Biratnagar (Nepal) for carrying out survey & Investigations and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Sapta Kosi Multi Purpose Project & Sun Kosi Storage Cum diversion scheme. It has also been agreed that the feasibility study of the Kamla and preliminary study of Bagmati Multipurpose Projects would also be carried out by the above Joint Project Office to ascertain the likely constraints in the implementation of these projects so that these could be appropriately addressed.